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Sunday, May 23, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday of the Paralytic
- ◇ Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada
- ◇ Mary the Myrrhbearer & wife of Cleopas

In that case [Matt 9:2] there was remission of sins, (for He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee,") but in this, warning and threats to strengthen the man for the future; "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto you."

Great is the profit of the divine Scriptures, and all-sufficient is the aid which comes from them ... For the divine oracles are a treasury of all manner of medicines, so that whether it be needful to quench pride, to lull desire to sleep, to tread under foot the love of money, ... from them one may find abundant resource.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 37 on John 1, 4th Century

Narthex Duty:	Themis Frangos
Welcoming Ministry:	Melita Green
Orthros Reader:	

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



Sunday the Paralytic

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had round about it five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.
6:30 AM

May

May 21: Ss. Constantine & Helen

May 27: St. John the Russian

May 28: Ascension of our Lord

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Apolytikion of Pascha

Plagal of the 1st Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος πλ. α'

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

3rd Tone

Come rejoice all ye Heavens and be glad all ye on earth. For by His power the Lord created might, by His death He conquered death. For He became the first-born of the dead. From the depths of Hades He delivered us, and He granted to mankind His great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος γ'

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

Plagal of the 4th Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγζάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 9:32-42 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο Πέτρον διερχόμενον διὰ πάντων κατελθεῖν καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἁγίους τοὺς κατοικοῦντας Λύδδαν. Εὔρεν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἄνθρωπόν τινα Αἰνέαν ὀνόματι, ἐξ ἐτῶν ὀκτὼ κατακείμενον ἐπὶ κρᾶββάτῳ, ὃς ἦν παραλελυμένος. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος, Αἰνέα, ἰᾶταί σε Ἰησοῦς ὁ Χριστός· ἀνάστηθι καὶ στρώσον σεαυτῷ. Καὶ εὐθέως ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἶδον αὐτὸν πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες Λύδδαν καὶ τὸν Ἀσάρωνα, οἵτινες ἐπέστρεψαν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἐν Ἰόππῃ δέ τις ἦν μαθήτρια ὀνόματι Ταβηθά, ἣ διερμηνευομένη λέγεται Δορκάς· αὕτη ἦν πλήρης ἀγαθῶν ἔργων καὶ ἐλεημοσυνῶν ὧν ἐποίει. Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις ἀσθενήσασαν αὐτὴν ἀποθανεῖν· λούσαντες δὲ αὐτὴν ἔθηκαν ἐν ὑπερώῳ. Ἐγγὺς δὲ οὔσης Λύδδης τῇ Ἰόππῃ, οἱ μαθηταὶ ἀκούσαντες ὅτι Πέτρος ἐστὶν ἐν αὐτῇ, ἀπέστειλαν πρὸς αὐτόν, παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνῆσαι διελθεῖν ἕως αὐτῶν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς· ὃν παραγενόμενον ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερῶον, καὶ παρέστησαν αὐτῷ πᾶσαι αἱ χῆραι κλαίουσαι καὶ ἐπιδεικνύμεναι χιτῶνας καὶ ἱμάτια ὅσα ἐποίει μετ' αὐτῶν οὕσα ἡ Δορκάς. Ἐκβαλὼν δὲ ἔξω πάντας ὁ Πέτρος θεὸς τὰ γόνατα προσηύξατο· καὶ ἐπιστρέψας πρὸς τὸ σῶμα, εἶπεν, Ταβηθά, ἀνάστηθι. Ἡ δὲ ἤνοιξεν τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτῆς· καὶ ἰδοῦσα τὸν Πέτρον, ἀνεκάθισεν. Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα, ἀνέστησεν αὐτήν· φωνήσας δὲ τοὺς ἁγίους καὶ τὰς χήρας, παρέστησεν αὐτὴν ζῶσαν. Γνωστὸν δὲ ἐγένετο καθ' ὅλης τῆς Ἰόππης, καὶ πολλοὶ ἐπίστευσαν ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**The Reading is from
John 5:1-15**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

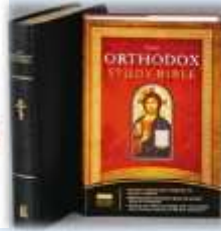
**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 5:1-15
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνέβη ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἔστι δὲ ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις ἐπὶ τῇ προβατικῇ κολυμβήθρα, ἡ ἐπιλεγομένη Ἑβραϊστὶ Βηθεσδά, πέντε στοὰς ἔχουσα. ἐν ταύταις κατέκειτο πλῆθος πολὺ τῶν ἀσθενούντων, τυφλῶν, χωλῶν, ξηρῶν, ἐκδεχομένων τὴν τοῦ ὕδατος κίνησιν. ἄγγελος γὰρ κατὰ καιρὸν κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ κολυμβήθρα, καὶ ἐταράσσετο τὸ ὕδωρ· ὁ οὖν πρῶτος ἐμβὰς μετὰ τὴν ταραχὴν τοῦ ὕδατος ὑγίης ἐγίνετο ὃς δὴποτε κατείχετο νοσήματι. ἦν δὲ τις ἄνθρωπος ἐκεῖ τριάκοντα καὶ ὀκτὼ ἔτη ἔχων ἐν τῇ ἀσθενείᾳ αὐτοῦ. τοῦτον ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενον, καὶ γνοὺς ὅτι πολὺν ἤδη χρόνον ἔχει, λέγει αὐτῷ· θέλεις ὑγίης γενέσθαι; ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ ὁ ἀσθενῶν· Κύριε, ἄνθρωπον οὐκ ἔχω, ἵνα ὅταν ταραχθῇ τὸ ὕδωρ, βάλλῃ με εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν· ἐν ᾧ δὲ ἔρχομαι ἐγώ, ἄλλος πρὸ ἐμοῦ καταβαίνει. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἔγειρε, ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει. καὶ εὐθέως ἐγένετο ὑγίης ὁ ἄνθρωπος, καὶ ἦρε τὸν κράβαττον αὐτοῦ καὶ περιεπάτει. ἦν δὲ σάββατον ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ. ἔλεγον οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι τῷ τεθεραπευμένῳ· σάββατόν ἐστιν· οὐκ ἔξεστί σοι ἄραι τὸν κράβαττον. ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς· ὁ ποιήσας με ὑγιῆ, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει. ἠρώτησαν οὖν αὐτόν· τίς ἐστιν ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὁ εἰπὼν σοι, ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει; ὁ δὲ ἰαθεὶς οὐκ ᾔδει τίς ἐστιν· ὁ γὰρ Ἰησοῦς ἐξένευσεν ὄχλου ὄντος ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ ταῦτα εὐρίσκει αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἴδε ὑγίης γέγονας· μηκέτι ἀμάρτανε, ἵνα μὴ χειρόν σοί τι γένηται. ἀπήλθεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἀνήγγειλε τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστιν ὁ ποιήσας αὐτὸν ὑγιῆ.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
of Chicago, Illinois

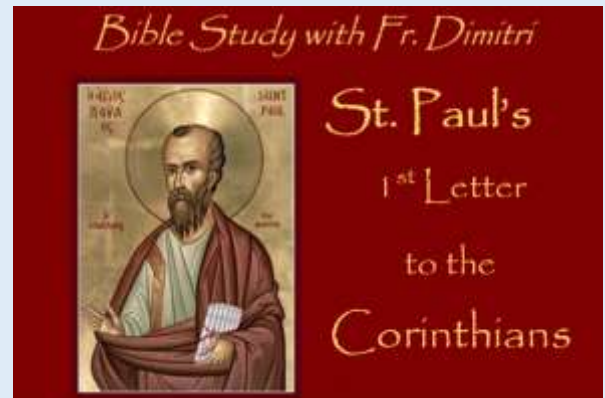


When: Tuesday Mornings –
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Where: ONLINE VIA



Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask
questions in the comments



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



Online
Adult Religious Education

The Ladder of Divine Ascent

Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

Join us online each week

Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Classroom

<https://zoom.us/j/97901297537>

Meeting ID: 979 0129 7537

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SAVE THE DATE

AUG. 18, 2021

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing



Odyssey Country Club
19110 S Ridgeland Ave.
Tinley Park, IL

\$135 Includes:

18 Holes of Golf
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Open Bar

\$60 Includes:

Dinner
Open Bar





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Wanita Loupakos 331-333-2329



Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

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Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

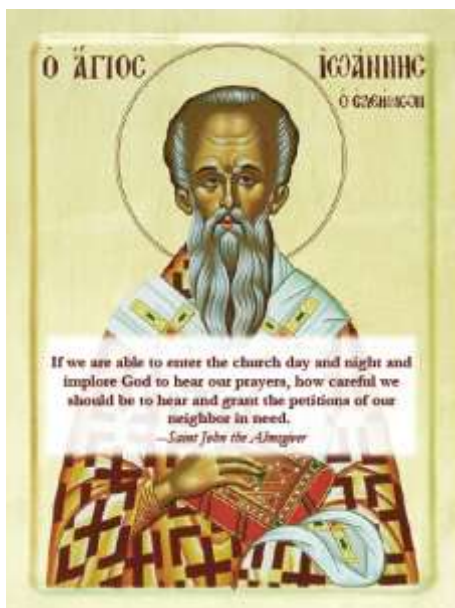
- **Sunday, May 23, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy**
 - Tuesday, May 25, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Wednesday, May 26, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
 - Wednesday, May 26, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
- Thursday, May 27 - 6:30 am - Early Morning Liturgy for St. John the Russian
 - Friday, May 28 - 6:30 am - Early Morning Liturgy for Ascension
- **Sunday, May 30, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy**
 - Monday, May 31, 10:00am - Memorial Day Grave Blessings Elmwood
 - Tuesday, June 1, 10:00am - Bible Study
- **Sunday, June 6, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Blind Man**
 - Monday, June 7 - Girls Ministry to assist Philoptochos with Coffee Hour
 - Monday, June 7, 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, June 8, 7:00pm - Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting
 - Wednesday, June 9, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
 - Wednesday, June 9, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
 - Thursday, June 10, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Holy Ascension

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30 am The Proktanastasi Vespers Liturgy Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Great an Holy Pascha
2 Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Great an Holy Pascha Agape Service 12:00 pm	3 Feast of St. George celebrated at Chica- go Parish	4 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Renewal Tuesday: The Com- memoration of Saints Raphael, Nicholas, Irene and the Other Newly-revealed Mar- tyrs of Lesbos	5 6:30 am Cinco de Mayo Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Irene the Great Martyr	6 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Sophia of Kleisoura	7 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	8
9 8:15 am Mother's Day Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Thomas Sunday	10 7:00 pm Parish Council	11 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting Philoptochos Meeting 7:00 pm	12 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	13	14 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	15 President's Meeting
16 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women	17 Tax Day	18 10:00 am Bible Study	19 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	20 7:00 pm "Great Vespers for Ss. Constantine & Helen (at Patos Hills parish)"	21 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Divine Liturgy or SS. Constantine & Helen at St. Basil "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Ss. Con- stantine & Helen	22
23 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy of the Paralytic	24	25 10:00 am Bible Study	26 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	27 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. John the Russian	28 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Divine Liturgy of Ascension	29
30 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	31 Memorial Day					

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for)

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie
Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil
133 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged
\$189,624.00

Dollar Amount Collected
\$95,335.00

Average Pledge
\$1475.23

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil
95 out of 133 (71.42%)



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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Metropolis COVID-19 Update

Parish Safety Measures

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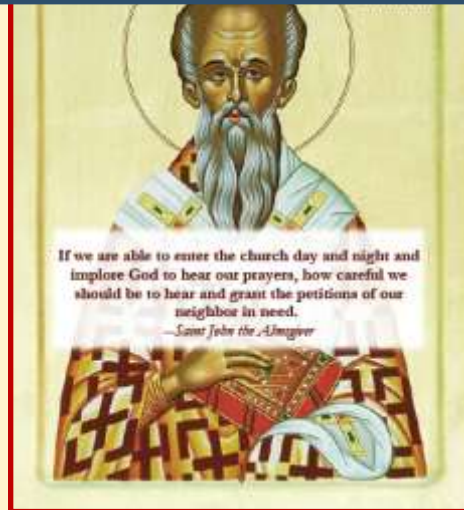
Monday, May 31st Memorial Day Grave Blessings

It is the tradition of many Greek Orthodox Christians to extend the memorial of this day (May 27th) to all of those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection.

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Elmwood Cemetery

Please Call the Office if you have any special requests.

Parish Outreach



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- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



Please join our
**Philoptochos
Blood Drive**



June 27, 2021 • St. George Greek Orthodox Church



Blood Donors Are Needed!

Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society

is collaborating with

Saint George of Chicago Philoptochos Society

to host a Blood Drive at St. George.

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosis at 773-961-5732 or email her at dot64@rcn.com.

Metropolis Outreach



CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project

COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Mask + Latex Gloves
- Mini Hand Sanitizer
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Feminine Products



HOPE
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church is using
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To Sign Up to attend Divine Services
Reserve Your Spot Today!

If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

